

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1476-01  
Bill No.: HB 466  
Subject: Children and Minors; Crimes and Punishment; Motor Vehicles; Public Safety  
Department.  
Type: Original  
Date: March 31, 2003

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (CTS)** state the proposal would amend the statutes relating to the use of child restraint systems in motor vehicles. CTS states that while there may be a number of violations, they would not expect the number to significantly increase the workload of the courts, and after a period of adjustment, would expect substantial compliance to reduce the initial number of violations.

**Oversight** assumes any additional costs to CTS would be minimal and could be absorbed from existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimates the division could require approximately 8 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$27.00 per page, and 12 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$23.00 per page. Costs due to this proposal are estimated to be \$492,

#### **ASSUMPTION** (continued)

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however, the actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rule-making authority and may

be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS does not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal; however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

In response to a similar proposal from this year, officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services** assumed the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Division of Highway Safety (DPS - DHS)** state they will assist in initiating and developing a program of public information to ensure compliance with this legislation. However, DPS - DHS already produces public information materials relevant to child safety seats, therefore, they do not anticipate substantial additional costs.

**Oversight** assumes the Department of Public Safety could absorb any additional costs relating to producing public information materials associated with this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (6 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2004  
(6 Mo.)

FY 2005

FY 2006

\$0

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Car rental agencies doing business in Missouri would be required to inform customers of the new requirements set forth in this proposal as well as provide a child passenger safety restraint system(s) for rental.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal revises the law pertaining to child passenger restraints and seat belts. The proposal:

- (1) Requires children less than four years old, regardless of weight, or who weigh less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, to be secured in a child passenger restraint system;
- (2) Requires children four to six years old or weighing 40 to 65 pounds or less than four feet nine inches in height to be secured in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat;
- (3) Requires children at least seven years old or weighing at least 65 pounds to be secured by a vehicle safety belt;
- (4) Requires car rental agencies doing business in Missouri to inform customers of the requirements of the proposal and to provide an appropriate child passenger safety restraint system;
- (5) Exempts public carriers for hire or school buses from restraint requirements, unless a school bus has been equipped with safety belts or is required to be equipped with safety belts by federal motor vehicle safety standards; and
- (6) Requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a public information program to ensure compliance with child passenger safety restraint laws.

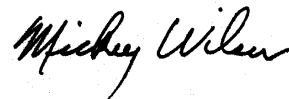
The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2004.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Revenue  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Public Safety  
    Missouri Highway Patrol  
    Division of Highway Safety  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender  
Office of the Secretary of State



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